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SUBJ: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. U.S. RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IN INDONESIAN PRESS PAST WEEK. VIKING LANDING, PRECEDED BY EXTENSIVE PLAY IPS AND OTHER ARTICLES OVER PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, WAS GIVEN FRON PAGE COVERAGE IN ALL JAKARTA PAPERS, USING WIRE SERVICE MATERIAL. CARTER NOMINATION ALSO RECEIVED HEAVY COVERAGE, INCLUDING EDITORIAL IN LEADING DAILY, "KOMPAS," WHICH, WHILE MEANDERING AND NON-COMMITAL, APPROVED NOMINATION AS INDICATION OF AMERICANS' DETERMINATION TO RETURN TO EARLIER ETHICAL STANDRDS. VISIT OF VIETNAMESE DELEGATION TO INDONESIA WAS GENERALLY VIEWED AS HOPEFUL INDICATION OF BETTER RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN ASEAN COUNTRIES AND INDOCHINA, BUT WITH FREQUENT WARNINGS THAT VIETNAMESE HAD TO BE VIEWED CAUTIOUSLY.

2. USIS SURABAYA EXPANDED PROGRAMMING TO INCLUDE THE ECONOMICS FACULTY OF GADJAH MADA UNIVERSITY, YOGYAKARTA, WHERE PROFESSOR VIKSNINS, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, PRESENTED BICENTENNIAL REVIEW OF ECONOMIC THEORY FROM ADAM SMITH TO THE PRESENT ON JULY 16. ALTHOUGH VIKSNINS MADE SPECIAL EFFORT TO RELATE THE EVOLUTION OF

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ECONOMY THEORY TO PROBLEMS FACED BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, HE

WAS UNABLE ELICIT MUCH REPOSE FROM AUDIENCE, WHICH WAS UNACCUSTOMED THIS TYPE OF PROGRAMMING.

3. ILLUSTRATING ENGLISH-TEACHING TECHNIQUES THROUGH DRAMA, WORKSHOPS, VOLSPKR RICHARD VIA, EAST-WEST CENTER HAWAII, HELD SESSIONS AT THE BNCS IN MEDAN, SURABAYA AND JAKARTA FROM JULY 16-23. VIA'S EXPERTISE IN HIS FIELD IS INDISPUTABLE; HIS RAPPORT WITH LOCAL TEACHERS EXCELLENT; AND HIS ABILITY TO ENCOURAGE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY THEM IN WORKSHOPS WAS NOTEWORTHY. VIA WAS DISPLEASED WITH PROGRAM FORMAT AT FACULTY OF PEDAGOGY, MEDAN, WHERE HE WAS REQUIRED TO LECTURE TO A LARGE AUDIENCE COMPOSED MAINLY OF STUDENT TEACHERS, RATHER THAN TO CONDUCT A WORKSHOP FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS, WITH WHOM BE CAN ACHIEVE THE BEST RESULTS.

4. GIVING EFFECTIVE SUPPORT TO POST'S MAJOR CPM PROJECT OF EXPLICA-
TING U.S. RESPONSE TO UNCTAD IV PROPOSALS BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AMSPEC PROFESSORS HUGH PATRICK, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC GROWTH CENTER, YALE UNIVERSITY, AND ROBERT STERN, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, HELD A SERIES OF SEMINARS AND LECTURES FROM JULY 19 TO 22 FOR SELECTED AUDIENCE AT THE INSITUTE OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH, BANK OF INDONESIA, AND THE INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT OF INDONESIAN DEFENSE AND SECURITY INSTITUTE IN JAKARTA. BOTH SPEAKERS IMPRESSED AUDIENCES WITH THEIR EXPERTISE AND OBJECTIVITY IN DISCUSSING SUBJECTS OF COMMODITY PRICE STABILITY, COMMODITY AGREEMENTS, AND COMMON FUND/ INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES BANK PROPOSALS. IN LOW-KEY BUT THOROUGHLY BACKGROUNDED DISCUSSIONS, STERN PROPOSED THAT MOST REALISTIC APPROACH FOR DEVELOPING NATIONS WOULD BE TO FOCUS ON REDUCTION OF TARIFF/NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO EXPORTS VIA GATT AND THAT IRB MIGHT SERVE AS MEDIATOR BETWEEN MNC AND HOST COUNTRY TO ASSURE BOTH THAT THEIR RESPECTIVE INTERESTS WOOULD BE SERVED. THESE SUBJECTS ALSO WERE DISCUSSED IN AN INTENSIVE AND USEFUL MEETING WITH ECONOMIC EDITORS AND WRITERS OF INDONESIA'S MAJOR NEWSPAPERS, "TEMPO" MAGAZINE, AND THE NATIONAL NEWS SERVICE, "ANTARA."
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